

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2007. In order to facilitate prosecution, claims 1 and 11 are cancelled, claim 10 is amended and claim 12 is added without prejudice to the subject matter involved. Claims 10 and 12 are in the application upon entry of this amendment. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any cancelled or withdrawn subject matter in one or more continuing applications.

The Examiner is requested to enter and consider this Amendment even though presented after final rejection since the amendments narrow the scope of the claims, overcome the cited prior art, put the instant amended claims in condition for allowance, and require no additional search and little additional effort on the part of the Examiner.

At the outset, Applicants note that claim 12 was been incorrectly designated as being in the application in the previous amendment.

Claims 10 and 12 are in the application upon entry of this amended. Entry of this amendment, reconsideration and reexamination of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

By way of summary, the presently claimed invention relates to a method of inhibiting the formation of *Coniferophyta* pollen, which comprises applying a pollinosis inhibiting effective amount of a composition comprising a prohexadione compound to the *Coniferophyta* plant being treated. Applicants respectfully submit that the presently claimed method is fully supported, described and enabled by the specification as originally filed.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 10 and 11 (now 10 and 12) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement for the reasons given on page 2 of the official action. Applicants respectfully traverse. The claims have been amended to advance the prosecution. The disclosure of the prohexadione compound of the present claims and the *Coniferophyta* species including *C.japonica* clearly are described, and therefore, the specification fully complies with the written description requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

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As noted above, Applicants reserve the right to pursue any canceled subject matter in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 10 and 12 are fully compliant with § 112 and are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections are respectfully requested, along with the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record if the Examiner feels such a call would advance the prosecution of the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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